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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **Don't be a Target for Thieves**

Date: 5/21/2016

Location: Mission Valley Command

EL PASO, TEXAS: The City of El Paso has experienced a 36% increase of burglary of Vehicles Citywide in 2016. The vast majority of burglaries of vehicle reports indicate that the vehicles were left unlocked. On May 21, 2016 Officers from the Mission Valley Command Center conducted an operation that identified unsecured vehicles. Officers went to the areas with the highest numbers of burglaries and found a large number of vehicles unlocked. Officers let the owners of these vehicles know that they were vulnerable to being burglarized and the best defense against becoming a victim is to secure their vehicle. Officers located a total of 137 vehicles in the Mission Valley area that were unlocked making each vehicle a potential victim of a burglary. The El Paso Police Department would like to remind the public that best way to not become a victim of burglary of vehicle is to secure your vehicle every time you leave it.

**Thieves look for an easy target, don't be a target hide your valuables, lock your car, and take your keys.**

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